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Date 3/28/84

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

FROM: ~~SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (196B-1449) (P)~~

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*cc*

JOHN P. WHEELER, III  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF)  
1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.  
NR POSSIBLE FBW, CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL  
OO:WFO

Re Alexandria airtel to WFO dated 3/20/84.

Enclosed for Bureau is a copy of referenced airtel.

WFO, request Bureau instruction on correct classification of case ie FBW or Possible Corruption of a public official. WFO further request Bureau authority to conduct indepth interview of [redacted] in view of his position as an [redacted].

[redacted] for the [redacted].

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TO: *KJL/BG* SAC, WFO  
 FROM: SAC, ALEXANDRIA (196-0)

JOHN P. WHEELER III  
 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND (VVMF)  
 1100 VERMONT AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.  
 POSSIBLE WIRE FRAUD

On March 2, 1984, [redacted] Washington,  
 D.C., telephone number (202) [redacted], home telephone [redacted]  
 [redacted], met by prior arrangement with SA [redacted]  
 Alexandria Division. [redacted] was given SA [redacted]'S name  
 by [redacted], a retired [redacted] employee who is known to Alexandria  
 as the subject of [redacted] Files [redacted] (pending) and [redacted] (closed).  
 Also present at this meeting was [redacted], [redacted]  
 [redacted] telephone number [redacted].  
 Effective March 12, 1984, [redacted] will be employed by the  
 [redacted] on [redacted], Washington,  
 D.C., telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed that a possible  
 fraud scheme involving raising money for the VVMF, chartered  
 in the District of Columbia, had been uncovered by [redacted]  
 who had been doing investigative reporting. [redacted] then  
 stated that he had done a considerable amount of investigation  
 regarding the VVMF and that his investigation revealed that  
 the VVMF had not accurately reported the money it had raised  
 and had fraudulently spent or given money contrary to its  
 charter. [redacted] further stated JOHN P. WHEELER III, currently  
 the General Counsel to the SECURITY EXCHANGE COMMISSION, in  
 Washington, D.C., was a founder of and integrally involved  
 with the VVMF and this scheme.

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[redacted] stated that his investigation revealed money had been raised from a number of states with Washington, D.C., being the focal point. [redacted] further stated that WHEELER had tried to scare him from the investigation by having him arrested [redacted] recently on a trumped-up charge involving the [redacted]. These charges were later dropped.

[redacted] stated he would be glad to go over his notes in detail with an Agent of the FBI.

From this initial conversation it appears that since the subject organization and person are in the District of Columbia, WFO should assume Office of Origin in this matter.